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SUBJ: NOTIFICATION TO GATT OF NIGERIAN TRADE RESTRICTIONS

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MR. O.E. EFFIONG, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR GATT AND UNCTAD AFFAIRS, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TREASURY. EMBOFF EXPLAININGOUR INTEREST IN FOLLOWING UP

ASSURANCES MADE BY NIGERIAN DELEGATION TO BILATERAL ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS THAT RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE REPORTED TO GATT, AND MENTIONED POSSIBLE APPLICABILITY OF SECTION 18.

EFFIONG, WHO TRANSFERRED ONE MONTH AGO FROM CABINET OFFICE, CONFIRMED THAT NO FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF APRIL 1 TRADE RESTRICTIONS HAS YET BEEN MADE TO GATT, AND CALLED IN HIS ASSISTANT FOR UNCTA MATTERS, MR. T.M. SULE. SULE CONFIRMED THAT REPORT PREPARED BY NIGERIAN DELEGATION FOLLOWING BILATERALS DID SAY FMG WOULD NOTIFY GATT. HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT SAY WHAT STATUS OF NOTIFICATION WAS SINCE GATT MATTERS ARE ACTUALLY RESPONSIBILITY OF ANOTHER OF EFFIONG'S ASSISTANTS, MR. S.T. ABOLAJI, WHO WAS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE. EMBOFF HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE ABOLAJI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13, WILL REPORT RESULTS. WYMAN $\,$

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